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SUBJ: US- SOUTHERN AFRICA ARMS EMBARGOES

1. MEDIA HERE GIVING PROMINENT ATTENTION TO HOUSE AFRICAN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE MARCH 20 TESTIMONY OF JOURNALIST BRUCE OUDES ON ALLEGED RELAXATION OF US SOUTHERN AFRICA ARMS EMBARGOES. REPORTS INCLUDE OUDES CLAIMS THAT, BY DIRECTION OF NSC, "GRAY AREA" ITEMS HAVE BEEN RELEASED AND US IS SELLING HELICOPTERS AND HERBICIDES TO SOUTHERN AFRICA MINORITY GOVERNMENTS WHICH COULD BE CONVERTED TO MILITARY USE. ALSO STATED ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERING SALE OF LONG RANGE NAVAL AIRCRAFT AND" ANOTHER CAPABLE OF BEING CONVERTED INTO GUNSHIP." AS REPORTED HERE, TESTIMONY OF COMMERCE' S RAUER MEYER THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO EMBARGO POLICY CHANGE COMES THROUGH AS PALE REJOINDER.

2. SUSPECT WE WILL BE PRESSED ON THIS ISSUE. WHILE THIS SOUNDS LIKE REPLAY OF FAMILIAR WELL- WORN RECORD AND WHILE REPORT ON OUDES AND MEYER TESTIMONY IN MARCH 21 WIRELESS FILE HELPFUL, WOULD APPRECIATE UP TO DATE INFO AND BACKGROUND ON CURRENT ADMINISTRATION OF ARMS EMBARGO.
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